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TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN RURAL AREAS OF GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges set up in rural areas of all the districts of Gujarat and Karnataka;

(b) whether there are any pending Telephone Exchanges to be set up in different districts of these States;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR.SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a)2,750 rural telephone exchanges in Gujarat and 2,202 exchanges in Karnataka circle are working in rural areas in all districts of these States.

(b) to (d)In Gujraat State three new telephone exchanges in rural areas at Vadala (Junagadh SSA), Vandhiya (Bhuj) and Vaarsamedi Welspan site (Bhuj) are planned to be opened by March, 2005, subject to availability of equipment. No new exchanges are planned to be opened in Karnataka State during the current financial year.